

1921	\$37,170 FOR 7 MONTHS
1922	\$333,680
1923	\$1,873,295
1924	\$1,092,260
1925	\$357,605
1926	\$457,788
1927	\$2,119,923
1928	\$1,668,979
1929	\$606,428
1930	\$417,887
1931	\$102,690
1932	\$789,898
1933	\$657,811
1934	\$138,807
1935	\$204,895
1936	\$453,978
1937	\$1,066,057
1938	\$2,469,416 FOR 7 MONTHS

Torrance Building Making All-Time Record in 1938

City Acclaimed for its Notable Construction Achievement

With four months to go, 1938 is already the banner year for new construction in Torrance. The above graph shows the annual building totals here from May, 1921, (when the city was incorporated and the city engineer's office began issuing building permits) to August 1, 1938. On that date new construction showed the amazing gain of 257 percent over the total for the first seven months of 1937. Torrance gained wide

acclaim for its construction progress at the June 30 half-year mark when the permit total here placed this community fifth on the list of all Southern California cities. Only the city and county of Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego and Glendale building totals topped the construction figure of \$2,280,637 set by Torrance. All indications point to a three-million dollar total here by the time the year 1938 comes to an end.

Geologist Writes Review of Oil Boom Here

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bearing sands successively higher, stratigraphically, the farther southeast the structure continues.

600 Acres Proved

The difference of the gravity of the oil at the D and B well as compared with that farther west adds additional weight to the suggestion. The fact that the new production at Torrance lies within an oil field and that the area now being developed as well as the land lying between the "hot spot" and the D and B area has for the most part been subdivided into acre tracts, has already brought about a revival of town-lot drilling. The area around 233rd street and Pennsylvania avenue is highly congested, the wells now averaging one to the acre. Rapid decline is bound to follow such close drilling.

Since the middle of February over 150 wells have been started, two-thirds of which have been completed, and new wells are being added almost as rapidly as the remaining one-third are being completed, keeping the number of drilling wells practically constant at about 50.

At this time the actual proved area of the deeper zone, sometimes called the Del Amo zone, is approximately 600 acres. In the deep zone the gravity of oil is 27 degrees as compared with the upper zone which produces oil of 19 gravity in the western area; 20 gravity at the edge and 27 gravity at the axis of the structure in the central area; 16 gravity at the edge and 25 gravity along the axis in the Lomita area; and from 14 to 20 gravity in the eastern area.

Excellent Facilities

With the exception of well No. 1 of the D and B Oil company, which is producing oil of 30.5 gravity, development has not progressed far enough laterally in the new deep zone to determine whether or not variations in gravity will be encountered in different parts of the field.

The facilities already established in the Torrance field makes easy the disposition of the oil and gas from the new producers since only short extensions need to be made to pipe lines already in operation.

"If the present rate of drilling continues it will be only a short time until much more of the story can be told," Geologist Williams concludes his interesting survey.

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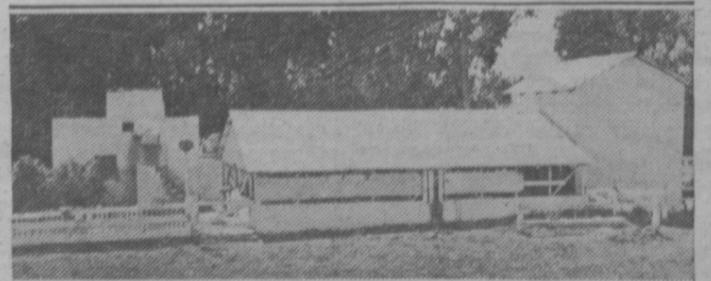
Year 'round ocean fishing at one or the other beach piers within a few minutes drive from Torrance appeals to many residents of this industrial community. In addition to surf fishing, which may be enjoyed at Torrance's own beach, there are the barge fishing opportunities at Redondo Beach, Long Beach, Newport Beach and other nearby Pacific spots.

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